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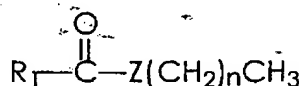
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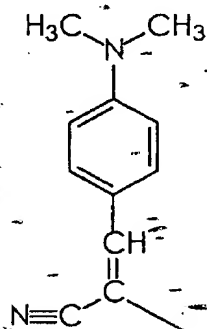
Claims 1 to 9 and 67 to 73 are pending in the application. Claims 68 to 73 have been allowed. Claims 1 to 9 and 67 have been subjected to an election of species requirement, and Applicants have been required to elect a single disclosed species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement. Applicants are of the position that pending claims 1 to 9 and 67 can be examined together without undue burden. In the event, however, that the Examiner maintains the election requirement, Applicants elect the following species:

A compound having the formula:



wherein R_1 is



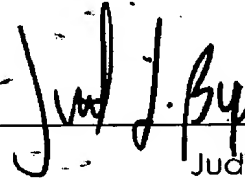
Z is $-NH-$; and n is 39.

This species is within the scope of claims 1, 2, 3, 5 (the R_1 and the carbonyl together comprise a chemical group which is an amide), and 67 (R_1 comprises a chromophore which is a methine).

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In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, she is hereby authorized to call Applicant(s) attorney, Judith L. Byorick, at Telephone Number (585) 423-4564, Rochester, New York.

Respectfully submitted,



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